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The SPECTATOR.

——De paupertate tacentes
Plus poſcente ferent—— Hor.

Wedneſday, April 23. 1712.

ſtave nothing to do with the Buſineſs of this Day, any farther than affixing the piece of Latin on the head of my Paper; which I think a Motto not unſuitable, ſince if Silence of our Poverty is a recommendation, ſtill more commendable is Modeſty who conceals it by a decent Dreſs.

SPECTATOR,

THERE is an Evil under the Sun which has not yet come within your Speculation; I mean Cenſure, Diſeſteem, and Contempt, which young Fellows meet with from parſimonious Fathers, for the reaſonable Methods they take to maintain them in general. This is by appearing in a better Dreſs, than may ſeem to a Fortune regularly conſiſtent with a ſmall Fortune; and therefore may occaſion a Judgment of a Wild Extravagance in other Particulars: But the Diſadvantage with which the Man of narrow Circumſtances acts and ſpeaks, is ſo feelingly ſet forth in a little Book called the *Chriſtian Hero*, that the appearing to be otherwiſe is not only pardonable but neceſſary. Every one knows the Way of Concluſions that are made in Contempt of a Perſon that appears to be calamitous, which makes it very excuſable to prepare one's ſelf for the Company of thoſe that are of a ſuperiour Quality and Fortune, by appearing to be in a better Condition than one is, ſo far as ſuch Appearance ſhall not make us really of worſe.

It is a Juſtice due to the Character of one who receives hard Reflections from any particular Perſon upon this Account, that ſuch Perſon would enter into his manner of ſpending his Time; of which, tho' no further Information can be had than that he remains ſo many Hours in his Chamber; yet if this is clear'd, to imagine that a reaſonable Creature wrung with a narrow Fortune does not make the beſt uſe of this Retirement, would be a Concluſion extremely uncharitable. From what has, or will be ſaid, I hope no Conſequence can be extorted, implying, that I would have any young Fellow ſpend more Time than the common leiſure which his Studies require, or more Money than his Fortune or Allowance may admit of, in the purſuit of an Acquaintance with his Betters. For as to his Time, the groſs of that ought to be ſacred to more ſubſtantial Acquiſitions; for each irrevocable Moment of which he ought to believe he ſtands religiouſly Accountable. And as to his Dreſs, I ſhall engage my ſelf no further than in the modeſt Defence of two plain Suits a Year: For being perfectly ſatisfied in *Eutrapelus*'s Contrivance of making a *Mohock* of a Man by preſenting him with lac'd and embroidered Suits, I would by no means be thought to controvert that Conceit, by inſinuating the Advantages of Foppery. It is an aſſertion which admits of much proof, that a Stranger of tolerable Senſe, dreſs'd like a Gentleman, will be better received by thoſe of Quality above him, than one of much better Parts, whoſe Dreſs is regulated by the rigid Notions of Frugality. A Man's Appearance falls within the Cenſure of every one that ſees him; his Parts and Learning very few are Judges of; and even upon theſe few, they can't at firſt be well intruded, for policy and good breeding will Council him to be reſerv'd among Strangers, and to ſupport himſelf only by the common ſpirit of Converſation. Indeed, among the Injudicious, the Words Delicacy, Idiom, fine Images, Structure of Periods, Genius, Fire, and the reſt, made uſe of with a frugal and comely Gravity, will maintain the figure of immenſe Reading and depth of Criticiſm.

'All Gentlemen of Fortune, at leaſt the young and middle Aged, are apt to pride themſelves a little too much upon their Dreſs, and conſequently to value others in ſome meaſure upon the ſame Conſideration. With what Confuſion is a Man of Figure obliged to return the Civilities of the Hat to a Perſon whoſe Air and Attire hardly entitle him to it? For whom nevertheleſs the other has a particular Eſteem tho' he is aſhamed to have it challenged in ſo publick a Manner. It muſt be allowed, that any young Fellow that affects to Dreſs and appear genteely, might with artificial Management ſave Ten Pound a Year, as inſtead of fine Holland he might mourn in Sackcloth, and in other particulars be proportionably ſhabby; but of what great ſervice would this Sum be to avert any misfortune

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whilſt it would leave him deſerted by the little good Acquaintance he has, and prevent his gaining any other. As the Appearance of an eaſy Fortune is neceſſary towards making one, I don't know but it might be of Advantage ſometimes, to throw into ones Diſcourſe certain Exclamations about Bank-ſtock; and to ſhew a marvelous Surprize upon its Fall, as well as the moſt affected Triumph upon its Riſe. The Veneration and Reſpect which the Practice of all Ages has preſerved to Appearances, without Doubt ſuggeſted to our Tradeſmen that wiſe and politick Cuſtom, to apply and recommend themſelves to the Publick by all thoſe Decorations upon their Sign-Poſts and Houſes, which the moſt eminent Hands in the Neighbourhood can furniſh them with. What can be more attractive to a Man of Letters, than that immenſe Erudition of all Ages and Languages which a ſkillful Bookſeller, in Conjunction with a Painter, ſhall image upon his Column and the Extremities of his Shop? The ſame Spirit of maintaining a handſome Appearance reigns among the grave and ſolid Apprentices of the Law, (hear I could be particularly dull in clearing the Word Apprentice to be ſignificant of a Barriſter) and you may eaſily diſtinguiſh who has moſt lately made his Pretentions to Buſineſs by the whiteſt and moſt ornamental Frame of his Window: If indeed the Chamber is a Ground-room, and has Rails before it, the Finery is of Neceſſity more extended, and the Pomp of Buſineſs better maintained. And what can be a greater Indication of the Dignity of Dreſs, than that burthenſome Finery which is the regular Habit of our Judges, Nobles and Biſhops, with which upon certain Days we ſee them incumbered? And though it may be ſaid this is awful and neceſſary for the Dignity of the State, yet the wiſeſt of them have been remarkable, before they arrived at their preſent Stations, for being *very well-dreſſed Perſons*. As to my own Part, I am near thirty; and ſince I left School have not been idle, which is a modern Phraſe for having ſtudied hard. I brought off a clean Syſtem of Moral Philoſophy, and a tolerable Jargon of Metaphyſicks from the Univerſity; ſince that, I have been engaged in the cleating Part of the perplexed Stile and Matter of the Law, which ſo hereditarily deſcends to all its Profeſſors: To all which ſevere Studies I have thrown in, at proper Interims, the pretty Learning of the Claſſicks. Notwithſtanding which I am what *Shakeſpear* calls *A Fellow of no Mark or Likelihood*; which makes me underſtand the more fully, that ſince the regular Methods of making Friends and a Fortune by the meer Force of a Profeſſion is ſo very ſlow and uncertain, a Man ſhould take all reaſonable Opportunities by enlarging a good Acquaintance, to court that Time and Chance which is ſaid to happen to every Man.

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